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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF FLUOROCARBON PRODUCTION, USE AND RESEARCH

REF: (A) STATE A-5061, (B) STATE 217575

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONSUMPTION OF FLUOROCARBONS IN NETHERLANDS, FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REF (A) HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY FLUOROCARBON INDUSTRY, MINISTRY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SCIENCE AND DUTCH AEROSOL ASSOCIATION.

A) NAMES OF PRODUCERS OF FLUOROCARBONS IN THE NETHERLANDS

AKZO CHEMIE B.V. FCC

DU PONT DE NEMOURS B.V FREON

B) ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION PER YEAR
PRODUCERS WERE UNWILLING TO PROVIDE DETAILED DATA ON PRODUCTION BUT TOTAL DOMESTIC CAPACITY OF FLUOROCARBON TYPES 11 AND 12 AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 40,000 TONS PER YEAR.

C) BREAKDOWN BY WEIGHT OF FLUOROCARBONS AND BY TYPE OF USE (THOUSAND TONS)

AEROSOL PROPELLANTS	1974
	7.0

REFRIGERATION	1.5
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FOAM PLASTICS	1.5
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TOTAL	10.0
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D) BREAKDOWN BY SPECIFIC TYPE OF AEROSOL USE (THOUSAND UNITS)

	1971	1972	1973	1974
INSECTICIDES	2,869	8,537	8,973	11,082
PAINTS & HOBBY	4,257	5,019	6,216	5,601
HOUSEHOLD	11,355	13,641	14,318	16,263
HAIR SPRAY	17,550	21,033	24,958	23,201
DEODORANTS	14,301	13,127	16,847	20,425
PHARMACEUTICAL	219	300	188	178
AUTOMOBILE CARE				
(INCL. PAINTS)	3,583	3,148	3,234	2,234
TOTAL	54,134	64,805	74,734	78,984
PRODUCTION (MIL. UNITS)				
	119	120	136	155

E) ESTIMATED ANNUAL RELEASE (THOUSAND TONS)

	1974
PROPELLANT APPLICANT	7.0
REFRIGERATION APPLICATION	0.6
FOAMING AGENTS	0.9
TOTAL	8.5

F) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SCIENCE (TNO) INFORMS US THAT THERE IS NO RESEARCH ON STRATOSPHERIC EFFECT OF FLUOROCARBONS IN NETHERLANDS. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY MINISTRY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE. IN RECENT REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT ABOUT DOMESTIC NEED FOR CONTROLS ON USE OF FLUOROCARBONS, HEALTH MINISTRY SAID THAT INTRODUCTION OF CONTROLS ON CONSUMPTION OF FLUOROCARBONS IN FUTURE WOULD VERY MUCH DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF US RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD.

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